

REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 1, 8 and 14. Claims 5, 12, 13 and 17-20 have been canceled. Claims 1-4, 6-11 and 14-16 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 8 are independent claims.

In the recent Office Action the Examiner rejected Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The cancellation of Claim 12 by the present amendment serves to render this rejection moot.

In the recent Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Schwinn (U.S. 2,439,755). Claims 2, 7, 9, 15 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwinn (U.S. 2,439,755). Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwinn (U.S. 2,439,755) in view of Pawsat (U.S. 2,723,133). The cancellation of Claims 17-20 by the present amendment serves to render those particular grounds of rejection of claims 17-20 moot. The indication by the Examiner that Claims 5, 13 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and of any intervening claims is noted with appreciation.

Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claim 5. Applicant respectfully submits that for at least this reason, amended independent Claim 1 and its corresponding dependent Claims 2-4, 6 and 7 are allowable over the prior art applied of record.

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Applicant has also amended independent Claim 8 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claim 13. Applicant respectfully submits that for at least this reason, amended independent Claim 8 and its corresponding dependent Claims 9-11 and 14-16 are allowable over the prior art applied of record.

The claims in this application have been revised to more particularly define applicant's unique construction in view of the prior art of record. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard C. Litman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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